

MINUTES

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting

December 2, 2009

4:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Meeting Room of City Hall, 315 Bradley Street
Carrollton, Georgia

The Mayor and City Council met in special called meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 in the second floor meeting room of City Hall, 315 Bradley Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Members present: Mayor Wayne Garner, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, and Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer. Members absent: Councilmember Peter Balega. (Ward II Councilmember seat vacant). Mayor Garner expressed his appreciation to the Council for their willingness to meet to consider the Sunday Alcohol Sales Amendment. Mayor Garner then announced the December 7, 2009 regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council had been cancelled.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Garner called the meeting to order.

Mayor Garner permitted Mr. Earl Phillips to make a statement. Mr. Phillips requested the Mayor and Council to vote "No" on the Sunday Alcohol Sales Resolution. Mr. Phillips distributed literature on the effects of alcohol on citizens; specifically teenagers.

II. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Sunday Alcohol Sales Amendment

City Manager Casey Coleman presented Resolution 09-2009 for consideration. CM Coleman explained that the voters of Carrollton had voted and passed the Referendum to permit alcohol sales on Sundays. CM Coleman noted the proposed amendment to the Alcoholic Beverage Code Section 6-165 would set forth guidelines for restaurants regarding Sunday sales of alcohol. CM Coleman noted that consumption on the premises for Sunday sales would be from 12:30 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and pointed out that should Resolution 09-2009 pass; alcohol could be sold on the upcoming Sunday (December 6, 2009). CM Coleman stated that Dr. Balega phoned him earlier in the day and notified him he would be unable to attend the meeting. CM Coleman noted that Dr. Balega wanted it known and on the record that he was in favor of the Sunday Alcohol Sales Amendment. There being no further discussion, Mayor Garner inquired to the wishes of the Council. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to approve Resolution 09-2009 amending the Alcoholic Beverage Code Section 6-165 to permit Sunday Alcohol Sales. Motion passed. (3 – 0). (Councilmember Balega absent and Ward II Councilmember seat vacant).**

At this time Mr. Earl Phillips read a letter to the Mayor and Council (as follows):

*We (Carrollton and Carroll County) have a Problem! We need **Jobs – Jobs – Jobs!** We (Carrollton, Carroll County and the United States) have a problem! We need to keep our hard earned money in Carrollton and Carroll County, and not keep sending it to these oil rich countries!*

1. *President Reagan said, "We need to reduce this nation's dependence on foreign oil!"*
2. *The first President Bush said, "We need to reduce this nation's dependence on foreign oil!"*
3. *President Clinton said, "We need to reduce this nation's dependence on foreign oil!"*
4. *President George W. Bush said, "We need to reduce this nation's dependence on foreign oil!"*
5. *President Barack Obama said, "We need to reduce this nation's dependence on foreign oil!"*

*I (Earl Phillips) say, "Let us (Carrollton and Carroll County) stop talking about it, and do something about our dependence of foreign oil and at the same time, create **Jobs – Jobs – Jobs!**"*

Brazil makes 90% of their gas (ethanol) out of sugar cane, to run in their flex cars. David Bransby, a Professor of Energy Corps at Auburn University said, "Switch grass is the way to go! David Bransby said using switch grass, we can make more than 1,000 gallons of gas (ethanol) per acre. He said the net energy output of switch grass is about 20 times better than corns.

*Let us (Carrollton and Carroll county) grow our own gas ethanol) using switch grass, right here in Carroll County to run all our government cars and buses. I (Earl Phillips) will give the city and county \$10,000 for a feasibility study to: Turn switch grass into gas (ethanol). Let us (Carrollton and Carroll County) stop talking about it! **AND DO IT!***

At this time Mayor Garner expressed appreciation to Mr. Phillips for his concerns.

III. ADJOURN

There being no further business to address Mayor Garner adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

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